

Anderson County, S. C. To the Honorable the General
Assembly of the State of South Carolina

Your Petitioner humbly sheweth, that she was inter-
married in the Month of Novemb^r 1820, to a Man
by the Name of Zachary Dowling, a Methodist Circuit
Rider. Contrary to the Will of my Parents, who desired
him to desist but did not use any force and I
being very young, I not foreseeing the events that might
occur I hastily & rashly tho with some degree of reluctance
entered into the Contract - I shortly after left my
Parents, to wander as an idle in distant parts,
during which time (say about Nine Months) I suffered
most grievously often in hunger often left to find a
Lodging & still often the angry frowns of the Man
who I had to have been my supporter in a strange
land. By this inhuman treatment, I became a prey
to travel with him particularly so on account
of his threats (When I beg'd him to return me to
my Parents) that if the Devil got fully into him he
did not know what he should do, I got back to
my Parents in Aug. 1820 very much reduced by sickness
When I have ever since remained, but in twelve months
after my Return had the Misfortune to loose my
Father by the Hand of Death, - My Mother and
Dav^r Robertson Adm^r to my Fathers Estate were legally
notified by said Dowling, that he intended to demand
from them all that Part that was coming
to me of my Fathers Estate, in this sad Struggle
left without any support, but the Kindness of